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Between 22 and 29 July 1951, three military trains arrived at Laipin (109-16, 23-42) from Hankow with the following cargo:1

- 3,000 shells for field guns wrapped in long bags of Manila paper. (It was possible for coolies to carry two of these shells on their shoulders, but some could only manage one.)
- 1,500 wooden boxes of mortar shells marked "Nanking made."
- 4,000 disc-shaped land mines with covers of cast iron marked "Made in Chungking."
- 5,000 boxes of rifle ammunition.
- 10,000 rolls of crude native white cloth.
- 5,000 boxes of hand grenades with wooden handles.
- 500 boxes of special ammunition (probably tracer or incendiary).
- 500 cases of shells for 60 mm guns.
- A large consignment of cloth ammunition bandoliers.
- A large number of light and heavy machine guns packed in cases marked with Russian letters.
- A large number of cases marked "Made in Mukden" and containing mor-

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- 1. A large number of rifles.
- m. A large miscellaneous cargo of motor car parts, drums of oil, etc.
- 2. The trains were off-loaded by soldiers and the cargo stored in nearby buildings. Later a party of soldiers of the Chinese Communist 5 Army Group and some units of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) arrived from Nanning with 15 heavy trucks, with which to transport the supplies to Nanning.
- During the month of August many trainloads of military supplies from the north passed through Hankow and Changsha en route to Nanning. There was one trainload of Russian-made motor trucks and there were many large packing cases, some bearing markings in Russian letters and some marked as having been packed in Manchurian arsenals. Traffic of this nature was heavier than for any month during the past three years. Railway officials believed that all or a large part of the supplies was for the DRV.
- h. On 2 August one hundred Russian-made heavy trucks arrived at the main station at Shatang (沙) [], Liuchou (109-16, 24-18) from Hankow and were driven to a garage for servicing. The trucks, which were bought by DRV authorities, had already been in use in the northeastern provinces.²
- 5. On 3 August four trains with sixty carloads of military supplies arrived at Liuchou from Hankow, and proceeded to Kweichow. The cargo comprised arms and ammunition of Soviet origin transported from Peiping. It was intended for Burmese Communists and the DEV, and was to be unloaded at Kunming for onward transmission.
- 6. On 3 August military trains from Hankow passed through Changsha en route to Naming with the following cargoes, consigned to the Sino-Soviet-DRV liaison office, Naming:
 - 80 howitzers
 - 15 mortars
 - 200 cases of Soviet-made light machine guns (one per case)
 - 50 Japanese heavy machine guns (used)
 - 200 heavy Russian-made trucks with very short bonnets
 - 50 cases of telephone sets (4 or 5 sets to a case)
- 7. On 20 August Lun (), commander of the 2 Motorcar Regiment of the DRV General Headquarters, and over one hundred newly trained drivers (from the first group trained at Tiempao, west Kwangsi) took over at Hankow about one hundred 5-ton trucks and five small military cars supplied by the USSR. On 25 August they drove these vehicles, which were loaded with gasoline and food for the DRV, through Liuchou.
- 8. On 21 August one 12-car train arrived at Liuchou en route to Laipin.
 Five cars were loaded with ammunition. The remainder carried 20 antiaircraft guns (each with an extra rifled tube), 10 single barrelled antiaircraft machine guns and 12 searchlights. All of the packing cases were
 marked in Russian letters. The entire cargo, which was consigned to the
 DRV, was of Soviet origin.
- 9. On 25 August, 12 transport aircraft landed on Nanning Airfield with 12 doctors (of Polish, Rumanian and Czechoslovakian origin) and 500 cases of Red Cross medical supplies marked with Russian words meaning "International Medical Relief Supplies." The doctors were received by Russian health

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specialists and Chinese and DRV officials, and were cuartered in the Nanning hotel. The medical supplies were transported by the motor launch JIH KUANG (\bigcirc $\frac{1}{12}$) to Laungehou (196-56, 22-22) for reshipment to the DRV.

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- 1. Comment. It is not known whether this is confirmation or duplication of similar information in from a different source; however, internal evidence would appear to indicate that it is confirmation.
- 2. Comment. Presumably this refers to Manchuria.

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